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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ESTIMATING RESPONSE CHARACTERISTIC,  
AND RECEIVING METHOD AND RECEIVER UTILIZING THE SAME

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